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SUBJECT: UNDOF REPORT ON INCIDENT ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

REF: USUN 1481

1. AT OUR REQUEST, UN SECRETARIAT INVITED MISOFF
TO READ UNDOF REPORT ON APRIL 1 INCIDENT ON GOLAN
HEIGHTS. KEY ELEMENTS ARE:
- INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 1; SYRIAN
AUTHORITIES ALLEGE THAT INCIDENT REPRESENTS VIOLATION
OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT;
- SYRIANS REGISTERED COMPLAINT ON APRIL 2, WHICH STATED
THAT ISRAELI ELEMENTS INFILTRATED INTO AREA OF
SEPARATION AND LAID DOWN BOOBY-TRAPPED MINES ON DAMASCUS-
DERRA ROAD. DURING INVESTIGATION BY SYRIAN
MILITARY TECHNICIANS, MINES EXPLODED
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KILLING SEVERAL SYRIAN MILITARY.

- SYRIANS INFORMED UNDOF THAT UNDOF COULD NOT BE
PERMITTED TO CONDUCT AN "INVESTIGATION" BUT COULD
CONDUCT A "FACT-FINDING MISSION" ON APRIL 3.
- FACT-FINDING MISSION OF UNDOF REPORTED THAT INCIDENT
TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 1, ABOUT 8 KILOMETERS NORTH OF
SHAYK MISKIN WHILE AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CIVILIANS

AND MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE IN THE AREA. UNDOF REPORT STATES THAT SCENE OF INCIDENT INDICATES A CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES WENT OFF DESTROYING "DEVICES", SOME OF WHICH SHOWED U.S. MANUFACTURER MARKINGS AS FOLLOWS: MATRIX; CHATSWORTH, CALIFORNIA 91311; MODEL 278; SERIAL 06572. SYRIAN ARAB DELEGATION TOLD UNDOF THREE CIVILIANS AND ELEVEN MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE KILLED.

- NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT FROM UNDOF REPORT AS FOLLOWS: SHEPHERD HEARD A HUMMING SOUND, SAW PIECE OF WIRE AND THEN CALLED NEARBY SYRIAN MILITARY. GROUP GATHERED AND WHEN WIRE WAS PULLED BY SHEPHERD EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE. UNDOF CONCLUSIONS WERE: UNKNOWN PERSON PLACED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE; ELECTRONIC DEVICE PLACED IN THE GROUND CONNECTED TO AN EXPLOSIVE WOULD MEAN IT WAS DESIGNED TO RENDER THE EQUIPMENT INOPERABLE SHOULD IT BE DISTURBED.

2. REPORT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOS OF THE DAMAGED ELECTRONIC DEVICE WITH MATRIX MARKINGS AND OF THE SURROUNDING ROCKS AND HOLE IN GROUND WHERE EXPLOSION OCCURRED. FINAL OBSERVATION OF REPORT IS THAT DEVICE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR "A PERIOD LONGER THAN A FEW WEEKS."

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3. COMMENT: THIS REPORT IS CERTAINLY NOT CONCLUSIVE. IT WAS OFFERED TO US FOR A QUICK READING ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. AS TO POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION, THERE HAS BEEN RELATIVELY LITTLE REACTION TO SYRIAN LETTER, PERHAPS ECLIPSED BY SOUTH LEBANON DEVELOPMENTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: UN HAS ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION US CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING ALLEGATION THAT EXPLODED DEVICE CONTAINED RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL, IN ORDER TO ASSESS POSSIBILITY OF UNDOF OFFICERS WHO VISITED SITE HAVING BEEN EXPOSED TO RADIATION.
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